

Jacksonville, Fla.

May 25, 1878.

P.S. I enclose a M.O. for \$5.
for which please send me the
new vol. of your N.A. Flora,
& oblige
A.H.C.

Prof. A. Gray;

Dear Sir - Your cards
of May 16th & 18th were duly rec^d.
as also the circulars from
Silliman's Journal, for all of
which I am much obliged.

You wrote you had disposed
of one set - I suppose I shall
hear from the purchaser in due
time - I have been waiting
for a friend of mine to take
my house, but fear he will
fail me - In that case I shall
make this my headquarters during
this season & go off early next
year - I have been making
a very large & satisfactory collec-
tion this spring - Have now in
press sets of *Canna*, *Magnolia*, *Sabal*
etc. - After these are dried, I

intend to spend a week up the river.

I have had two courses of the "chills" this spring, but have not been weakened at all. Yesterday I collected for about eight hours on the white sand ridges, the temperature being nearly 100° in the shade, & the sand burning to the feet.

An umbrella is my constant companion & it is seldom closed.

The luxuriance & beauty of the vegetation which clothes this sterile region of pure sand & its exemption from the ordinary effects of drought are truly surprising. Depth of root & humidity of atmosphere are the causes I suppose.

Jackmanville is well but apprehensive of a visit from Yellow Jack - with plenty of confidence in his own future

as the great amount of building now in progress attests. The city has improved wonderfully within a few years. Since I came the two best hotels have been built, others built or remodelled, an elegant hospital, jail, market, boat-club house, engine-house, several churches, fine business-blocks & private residences have been added to the adornments of the city.

But I must not spin out a long letter just because the thermometer has cooled down to 92° -

Yours truly

A. H. Curtis -

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